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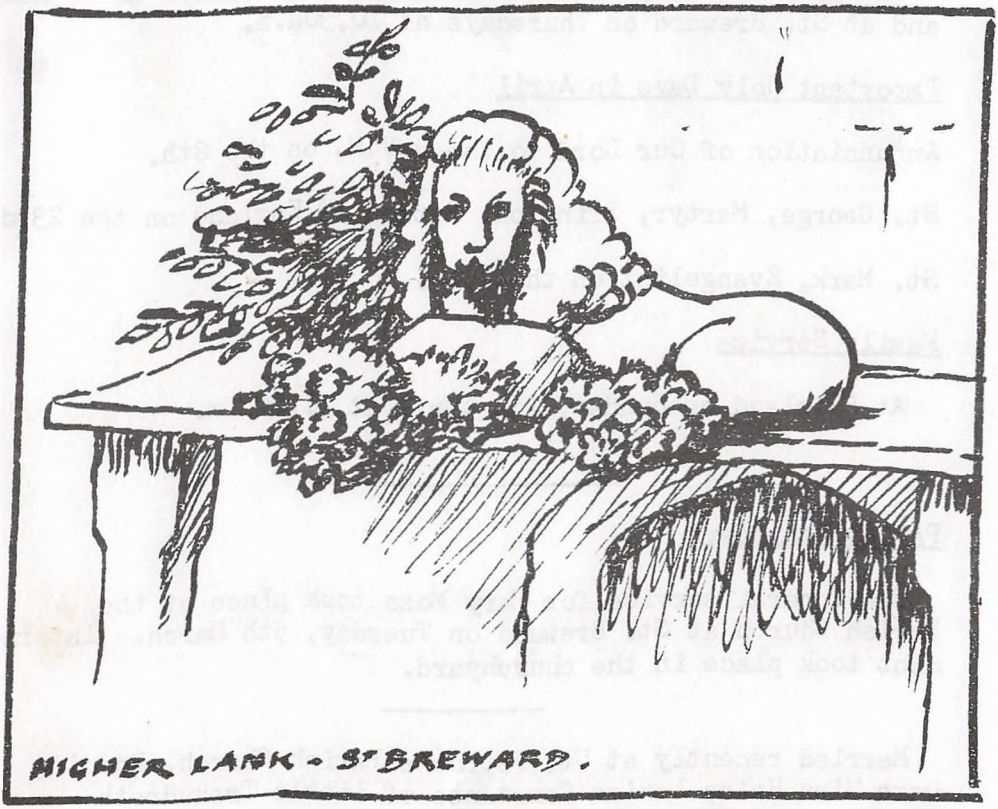

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Sunday Services for April

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Weekday Services

Eucharist at Blisland on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.30am. and at St. Breward on Thursdays at 10.30a.m.

Important Holy Days in April

Annunciation of Our Lord to the B.V.M. on the 8th.

St. George, Martyr, Principal Patron of England on the 23rd.

St. Mark, Evangelist on the 25th.

Family Service

At Blisland on Sunday, 7th April at 11.00a.m.

Parish Registers

The funeral service for Mary Moss took place at the Parish Church at St. Breward on Tuesday, 5th March. Interment took place in the churchyard.

Married recently at St. Petroc's Parish Church, Bodmin were Miss Helen Louisa Constance of Little Trehudreth, Blisland and Peter Gerald Harding of Bodmin.

The death has occurred on February 24th at Nanstallon of Mr. Les Crago. He spent some 30 years at St. Breward where he had great interest in the Simon Ward Senior Club and in the village football club. He was also a tireless worker for the Silver Band.

The death has occurred on March 1st of Rachel Green ne Davies, aged 19 years. Formerly of St. Breward our sympathies go to her family.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Day is the most important day in the Church's year; for this is the day on which we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Prior to this stupendous event, Our Lord's work had seemed deemed to failure. Deserted by his disciples, betrayed into the hands of his enemies and finally put to death on calvary, all seemed to have been lost. But now through his resurrection from the dead, his life, his work, his suffering and even his death took on a new meaning and significance not only for himself but for all mankind.

For the significance of this event for us, is that Jesus is the resurrection and the new life. That means that as well as enjoying our natural lives, we are offered eternal life if we are prepared to respond in faith and love to our Blessed Lord. This new life begins when we are baptised; for this means entering into the very life of God himself. What is more, our natural lives are consecrated within this eternal life. Thus our daily lives with all it's problems, our sufferings and even death itself is given purpose and so we are able to go through life knowing that we have a destiny to fulfill.

At Easter time then, we celebrate the redeeming work of Jesus Christ and especially the wonderful experience of the resurrection. What is more, we celebrate our own experience of eternal life, both as individuals and as members of the body of Christ which is the Community of the resurrection. For every time we celebrate the Eucharist especially on every Sunday, we are in fact experiencing the resurrection of Christ himself. For we are the people of the resurrection who come together on the Lord's day which is the weekly commemoration of the resurrection to experience the creating, redeeming and life giving work of the risen Lord.

As christians then, like those first disciples, let us also make a positive response to the risen Christ and so make a reality that glorious Easter experience in our daily lives.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday April 7th at 2.30p.m. (Holy Communion)
Preacher Revd. I. Haile, Chairman of the District.

Sunday April 21st at 2.30p.m.
Preacher Revd. D. Easton.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday April 7th. Mr. G. Brown at 11.00a.m.
Revd. I. Haile at 6.00p.m.

Sunday April 14th Revd.J. Bickle at 11.00a.m.
Mr. Mabsonat 6.00p.m.

Sunday April 21st Mr. Sleep at 11.00a.m.
Revd. Easton (SAC) at 6.00p.m.

Sunday April 28th Mr. Jukes at 11.00a.m.
Mrs. Troy at 6.00p.m.

Sunday School during Morning Service. Everyone welcome.

EASTER CHOIR CONCERT - to be held at St. Breward Methodist Church on Wednesday April ~~10th~~ 3rd at 7.30p.m. Admission 50p.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open every Wednesday from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
Join us for a coffee and a chat.

House to house collections in St. Breward in aid of the Salvation Army amounted to £42.02. Many thanks to the collectors, Dora Pearce, Maureen Prideaux, Denise Hill, Vera Colman, Nesta Teague and Theresa Philp.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH - FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 25th - 27th May.
10.00a.m. to dusk each day.
Theme - Village Activities. Admission 50p.
Gardener's Lunches and Refreshments all day, plus Plant Stall in the Village Hall.
Eucharist on Sunday at 11.00a.m.

CONCERTS

Saturday 25th May at 7.30p.m.
The St. Mabyn Concert Choir and The Bodmin Ladies Choir.

Sunday 26th May at 7.30p.m.
The Port Isaac Singers and The Cornwall Youth Clarinet Choir (by arrangement with Cornwall County Music Service).

Concert admission by programme £1.50 in advance from Mrs. M. Metters, 18, Rylands Terrace, St. Breward (Bodmin 850156) or Miss V.R. Cholmeley, Deaconstow, St. Breward - s.a.e. please - or £2.00 at the door. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Vestry and Annual General Meeting of the P.C.C.

At Blisland on Wednesday, 3rd April at 7.30p.m. at the Institute.

At St. Breward on Thursday, 4th April at 7.30p.m. at the Parish Church.

Womans World Day of Prayer

The annual Service was held in St. Breward Parish Church on Friday March 1st. The theme this year was 'On the Journey Together' written by the women of Kenya. Mrs. Audrey Beare of St. Kew Highway was the Speaker and the Service was led by the Rev'd Joan Kirby. A collection of £26.10p was taken for W.W.D of P. Funds.

Next year the Womans World Day of Prayer will be on Friday 6th March and will be held in St. Breward Methodist Church.

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

Entertainment

Friday	5th April	Ben Murphy
Saturday	6th April	Steve Jay
Friday	12th April	Niteflight
Saturday	13th April	?
Friday	19th April	Disco
Saturday	20th April	Red Raiders
Friday	26th April	Niteflight
Saturday	27th April	Gideon

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

At the SWBBA Spring Contest held at Barnstaple recently, St. Breward Silver Band with their musical director Mr. W. M. Hunt were awarded first prize with 88 points. In the Open Section the band was again placed first with 990 points.

The band also took part in the Cornwall Brass Band Contest at Truro, where they won the third prize in section three, competing with seven Cornish bands.

Dear Friends,

Please forgive the use of the parish magazine to thank you all for the lovely gifts and cards you gave me at my birthday celebration. I am sure you will understand the reason for doing so.

I do hope you enjoyed the evening as much as I did, though I must confess however, that I have asked my family for an action replay! to recapture it all. Alas! this is not to be. Perhaps when trying to do so, I will now get away with the old adage ('It's my age ducky').

In finalizing this short letter, I would particularly like to thank my friends of Blisland Church, Marjorie Webber, Mavis & Geoffrey Masters, Ann & John Meason and Barbara Makin for producing such a delicious spread; surely evidence of "Love thy Neighbour". Lastly, but by no means least, Josie Harding, who worked so diligently in the kitchen. Thank you all once again.

"My cup runneth over".

'God Bless'

Betty Donnelly

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL - Forthcoming Events.

Come and listen to a Concert by the well known Loveny Accord and by the Liskeard Singers. To be held in the village hall on Friday April 19th at 8.00p.m. Doors open at 7.30p.m. Admittance £1.50. Light refreshments served during the interval. Reserve your seat by ringing 850134.

Saturday May 11th - Bring & Bid 50/50 Auction Sale. To be be held in the Hall commencing at 2.00p.m. Bring your unwanted/surplus articles with you. Remember one persons rubbish is another persons treasure. 50/50 means that half the selling price for you and half for the Hall funds.

Saturday June 1st - Dinner Safari. Details in next month's magazine.

Sunday June 30th - By popular request we are putting on another Garden Safari. Please come and support us at all these events. Thank you.

E.J.W.

ARTHRITIS and RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

The annual Coffee Evening at De Lank - Vordors - is on Thursday April 26th from 7.00p.m. It is always well supported but as this is the twentieth, we are hoping for just that little bit extra, so please come.

N. Hollister.

BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

British Telecom have advised that they will not be replacing directories in public call boxes due to mis-use etc. All directory enquiries will continue to be free of charge from public pay phones.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at the Village Institute on Thursday April 4th at 7.30p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and our County Councillor, Mrs. Jenni Thompson will be present with our local Ward Councillor, Mr. David Coad. Come along and bring your queries or just to hear about the work your parish council is involved in on your behalf.

B. Sharp.

Excerpts from "A BOY FROM THE MOORS" by Roy Harper

"As boys we often went to Carwen with our father, who worked in his spare hours for one or the other of these farmers, helping with harvest of hay and corn, and in return he would get a few rows of 'teddies' when they 'tilled' the field, including manure and seed"..... "People helped each other more in those days"..... "I remember going with my father to Lower Polpry to 'carry' hay. I was about 10 years old, and considered big enough to 'Make the load', which consisted mainly of treading it down as it was pitched on the wagon from both sides"..... "Under Polpry was the big water-wheel which worked the system of flat rods which went on a line up over Durl downs to Greenbarrow".... "We knew it well later, when the alignment was discontinued and the rods used as poles to carry the electricity wires over the same route"..... "we followed this line of poles over the moors on countless occasions, it was a safe way of crossing on a dark night, or in a fog"..... "When September came round everybody was saying "soon be St. Pratts", in those days I suppose the biggest event of Blisland year. The church festival would be on the Sunday with the procession to St. Pratts Cross, an old Cornish cross beside a 'holy well', always led by St. Breward Band" ..... "of course the big day was St. Pratts Monday, when the big fair was held"..... "From early morning all roads leading to Blisland would be bustling with farmers driving their sheep, some from long distances, and home again if they 'bought' "..... "there was always a huge crowd there. There was also a cattle and horse show, and sports meeting with horse racing and jumping"..... "One year they even had motor-bike racing".

to be continued.....

E.J.W.

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A BLISLAND LEGEND

(another of the cuttings preserved by the late Mr. George Nottle).

"A field in the Pendrift valley, Blisland, has the name of Chapel Park, and at one time the ruins of the 'Old Chapel', built over a spring known as the Holy Well, could be seen. In 1798 the building was repaired for the use of the Wesleyans and on January 14th, 1799, it was licensed for worship. In 1812 it was superseded by a meeting house which was erected on the village green. Sir John Maclean, in the History of Blisland (1879), writes, "There has always been some supersition connected with this field. From generation to generation it has been believed that it should never be broken for tillage, and that whenever this was done some frightful disaster would befall the family of the person by whom the act was committed. This year (1878) there was grown in it a crop of corn, and in the time of the harvest the son of the farmer, a boy about 10 years of age, whilst climbing up to take down a scythe, fell, together with the scythe, and falling on it cut his knee so severely that it was found necessary to amputate the leg above it, thus strengthening the supersition."

P.S. I can vouch for the authenticity of the above accident. The 10 year old boy was Alex Masters who became a chemist and for many years carried on a business in Fore Street, St. Austell. On his retirement he came to live with his younger brother the late Mr. Charles Masters of De Lank Farm, St. Breward. He was an uncle of my late husband also called Alex Masters.

He told me that he had been instructed to take down the smaller of two scythes which hung in a barn, but boy like he took the bigger one with disastrous consequences and went through life with a wooden peg leg.

Uncle Alex died in 1947 at De Lank Farm in the same hour as his great nephew my son John Rogers Masters was born.

Grace Masters.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

The Junior's night in April will be held on Tuesday 2nd at 6.30p.m.

The Cyril Greenaway Singles Memorial Cup Final will be held on Saturday 6th April at 7.30p.m.

Proceeding the Senior Cup Final will be the Junior Cup Singles Final. This match will commence at 6.00p.m.

The Dr. Alec Taylor Doubles Memorial Cup Final will be held on Saturday 13th April at 7.30p.m.

Spectators are welcome to all the finals.

The team Knockout Tournament begins on Monday 8th April at 7.30p.m.

ST. BREWARD CONSERVATIVES

COFFEE MORNING - to be held on Wednesday 15th May at 11.00am. at Jordan, Tuckingmill, St. Breward, by kind permission of Mrs. D. Hawken. Bring and Buy stall.

HORSE SHOW - to be held on Saturday 10th August at Corner Field, Hengar Lane, by kind permission of Mrs. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson. Schedules from Secretary, Deaconstow, St. Breward. (s.a.e. please).

Congratulations to Mrs. Gwen Masters of Oakridge, Tregenna, Blisland who has just published her second edition of verse. The first edition rapidly sold out and now Gleanings in Verse is in its second and larger edition. Profits from the book are going to three charities. The 33 poems in the book reflect the lifetime that she has spent in Blisland and celebrate many things in her life. Several of these poems Mrs. Masters has kindly sent to be published in this parish magazine for us all to enjoy.

BLISLAND W.I.

Mrs. Gurr presided at the meeting on the 20th February, 1991 and Miss Runnalls read the Minutes.

Nominations were asked for because at the A.G.M. in March the Committee and Officers have to be elected.

You are reminded that 'Brazil Day' is one of the big events for the W.I. this year. Friday, 12th April from 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m. at the Richard Lander School is where the action will be. Gifts of cakes and crafts are asked for and the day promises to be full of interest with competitions in Floral Art, Crafts and Home Economics. Entertainment offers music, drama and lace and embroidery demonstrations.

The Cornwall Garden Society have a competition for Floral Art at their Spring Show which will take place at Burncoose Nurseries on the 20th and 21st April. The themes are 'A Presentation Basket' and 'Springtime'.

Mr. Thomas was our speaker this month and he gave us a most interesting and entertaining talk on his travels in Brazil last year. After a twelve hour flight he arrived in Rio de Janeiro which is a city of great contrasts. It must have one of the most beautiful settings of any city in the world with its great natural harbour and surrounding mountains. It is dominated by the Sugar Loaf mountain and also Corcovado which has a massive statue of Christ with outstretched hands standing on the top and overlooking the whole city.

There is very little colour prejudice and there is a very mixed population. Portuguese is the language spoken. There are great extremes of rich and poor with magnificent high rise apartments near the beaches and apalling, squalid slums on the hillsides around the city.

Mr. Thomas also visited Brazilia, a very modern city in the middle of the jungle where the workers are mainly government officials as this is the seat of government for the country. From here it was north up the Amazon where he had a variety of adventures from rather close encounters with anacondas and boa constrictors to an evening alligator hunt. It was then south again to Sao Paulo, the second largest city in the world with 13 million population and the most horrendous pollution. From here he went to the Argentine/Paraguay borders to see the spectacular Iguassu

Falls which are set in a beautiful national park. He also visited Paraguay and Argentine before returning home again via Rio.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Meeson, refreshments were provided by Mrs. Willcocks and Mrs. Gurr and the competition was won by Mrs. Gurr.

ST. BREWARD NEWS

A public meeting is to be held at the Red Cross Centre at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 10th April 1991 to discuss support for the Red Cross in St. Breward in the future in the light of the lease being due to end this autumn. Please come along.

D. Hannaford

Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30p.m. in the Red Cross Centre.
Guest Speakers - Mr. David Dungworth, SWW Operations Controller, Mr. Harry Northcott from the County Council and Station Inspector from Bodmin Police Station.

Derek and Lindsey Judd and friends of the Old Inn donated the sum of £210 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance through £150 from the Charity Box on the bar, £40 from the Ladies Darts team and a further £20 from Charlie and Jean Lewis of the Village Stores.

Donations of £220 was donated to the Air Ambulance on behalf of the St. Breward Football and Social Club from their T.V. Horse Racing Evening held recently.

A cheque for £325 has been donated to the Air Ambulance in memory of the late Mrs. Dorothy Kay of Rylands from donations received in lieu of flowers from her friends and relatives.

The St. Breward Scout Group held a successful Coffee Morning recently raising over £41 for group funds.

ST. BREWARD W.I. - February Meeting

In the absence of Mrs. Champion through illness, the Annual Meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. Hawken. Only 11 members were present; Mrs. G. Masters also attended to assist with the election of Officers.

Mrs. Shelley gave the Secretary's report. It is always good to be reminded of the activities of the preceeding year, the highlights having been the entry for the W.I. competition at the Royal Cornwall Show and a prize- winning entry in the St. Breward Carnival. The success of both these events was due in no small measure to the inspiration and expertise of Mrs. Anne Hole.

Mrs. M. Metters reported on the financial situation, and although we are solvent the bank balance is down on last year; the proceeds of our fund-raising events went to charity, with none for Institute funds. Mrs. Metters thanked Mrs. J. Teague for all her help in keeping the books, and also thanked Mrs. Masters for continuing to audit the accounts.

The winner of the cup for competitions was Mrs. P. Bousfield, 2nd Mrs. J. Greenaway, 3rd Mrs. G. Champion. Flower of the month cup winner was Mrs. J. Greenaway, 2nd Mrs. Bousfield, 3rd Mrs. M. Willetts.

The new Committee members are:- Mesdames G. Champion, J. Greenaway, J. Hawken, M. Metters, J. Sainsbury, M. Shelley, J. Teague and M. Willetts. Mrs. M. Metters is the new President; Secretary - Mrs. J. Sainsbury; Treasurer - Mrs. G. Champion.

A letter of thanks from the Day Centre at Athelstan House for the knitted knee rugs sent by the members contained a cordial invitation to anyone who wished to visit the Centre.

From now on our meetings will be held at 7.30p.m. at the village hall on the first Tuesday of the month - not on the third Tuesday as hitherto. We are a very informal group, always happy to welcome visitors and new members.

Pamela Bridge.

ELISLAND YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP

"The best laid plans of mice" - and owls and pussycats - go wrong occasionally and we won't now be able to send the pea green boat off on its voyage of discovery until May. The dates will appear in the May parish magazine.

Wendy Gurr

ST. BREWARD W.I. - March Meeting

Because we now meet on the first Tuesday of the month, this report has caught up with the one for February - a bit like two buses coming along at the same time! Mrs. M. Metters presided and Mrs. Sainsbury read the Minutes; Treasurer Mrs. G. Champion was still unwell - we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Members of Bude Institute (with whom we are twinned) have invited us to visit them, giving several optional dates, and it was agreed we would like to go in September, to see slides of their part of the world.

The National AGM of the W.I. from now on is to be held every three years at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, instead of at the Royal Albert Hall annually. Mrs. Metters will attend as our delegate on 5/6 June, and is sure to have a most enjoyable time.

Craft afternoons are starting again on Wednesdays. During the winter months members have been making garments for children in Romania and in the third world. Now we must get busy making things to sell at our coffee evening on Thursday 11th April. This will be held at my home (Tara, Higher Penquite), all proceeds go to the Mt. Edgcumbe Hospice.

Mrs. Pamela Bousfield has entered for the Blaikley Salver competition, an annual County event, the subject this year being an essay on all aspects of conservation. Pamela has written about the St. Breward area as seen through the eyes of a buzzard - an intriguing concept, and we wish her luck in the competition.

This month's Speaker was Mrs. Betty Donnelly from Blisland. She showed a great variety of examples of her fine needlework, from attractive novelties to what will undoubtedly become heirlooms. These included an exquisite Christening gown, a framed tapestry picture of a Blisland scene, a clock with elaborate embroidery on the face, and an intricately worked cross-stitch sampler. Mrs. Donnelly has great skill, and an obvious talent for making appropiate gifts for family and friends. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Bousfield.

The competition for an embroidered hanky was won by Miss M. Brown, 2nd Mrs. J. Hawken. Miss Brown also won the flower competition with Mrs. J. Greenaway 2nd and Mrs. M. Willetts 3rd.

Pamela Bridge.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

At the meeting held on 5th March, under the theme of self activity, members had the opportunity of speaking on an item of interest which they had brought.

Miss Tucker read an article on the history of Blisland School and why it had been built in Waterloo. She gave many facets of development and the great improvement which came when electricity was installed. Many of the members added to this subject with their own personal memories of school-days long ago, covered wagon transport, introduction of free milk etc.

Mrs. Brown displayed a fruit bowl made from timber cut in Bodregan woods and explained the various types of wood used and from what part of the tree was the best material. A string of wooden beads was also shown and talked about.

Mrs. Pierce brought along an item of very topical interest, a dress and headgear as worn by Kuwait women. Mrs. Masters displayed ornaments made from horn and explained how they were decorated and polished by hand. Mrs. Excelby showed a brass frog and spoke of its origin in Cyprus.

Mr. Jefford spoke on the work of an artist friend named Beningfield and how many of his paintings of rural scenes and views of the garden were illustrated in a book which he displayed.

Mrs. Webber had a little ornamental ceramic book suitably inscribed as a momento from relatives in America. A night-marish journey by taxi through Bagdhad was Mrs. Muirhead's contribution.

The afternoon activity was so successful and enjoyable that the members proposed it should be repeated.

Tony Ham

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